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News Release

ICE APPREHENDS 5 CHILD PREDATORS IN OTTAWA COUNTY

ICE's "Operation Predator" protects children

HOLLAND, Mich.— Special agents from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) arrested five convicted child sex offenders here Tuesday with the assistance of Ottawa Sheriff's Department deputies.

The following individuals were arrested in Ottawa County, Mich., after being convicted of crimes against children in violation of immigration law:

- Chanthala Bouathong, 31, Laos, was convicted in the Grand Haven Circuit Court in August 1998 of Criminal Sexual Conduct second degree with a victim under 13 years old.
- Rany Paringit Corilla, 42, Philippines, was convicted in the Grand Haven Circuit Court in June 1994 of Attempted Criminal Sexual Conduct third degree with a victim between 13 and 16 years old.
- Samedi Yin, 51, Cambodia, was convicted in the Circuit Court in Grand Haven in August 1994 of Sexual Conduct in the fourth degree with a victim under 13 years old.
- **Touch Voey**, 33, Cambodia, was convicted in Superior Court, State of California, in September 1999 of Assault with the Intent to Commit Rape, and Robbery.
- **Douagmaly Komvongsa**, 27, Laos, was convicted in Grand Haven Circuit Court in April 2003 for Child Abuse second degree.

Sex offenders who are non-citizens of the United States become eligible for deportation upon conviction.

"This is an excellent example of how ICE, in conjunction with our law enforcement partners, continues to enhance public safety by removing dangerous, predatory criminals from our communities," said Brian M. Moskowitz, special agent-in-charge of the ICE Office of Investigations in Detroit. "ICE will use the full spectrum of its authorities to help local police make our cities and neighborhoods safer for everyone."

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This ICE initiative, known as Operation Predator, is an enforcement effort to protect children from sexual predators, including those who travel overseas for sex with minors, Internet child pornographers, criminal alien sex offenders, and child sex traffickers. Since Operation Predator was launched in July 2003, ICE agents have arrested more than 6,300 individuals nationwide, including more than 160 in Michigan.

ICE encourages the reporting of suspected child predators and any suspicious activity through its toll-free hotline at 1-866-DHS-2ICE. Investigators staff this hotline around the clock. Suspected child sexual exploitation or missing children may be reported to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, an Operation Predator partner, at 1-800-843-5678 or http://www.cybertipline.com.

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of four integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.